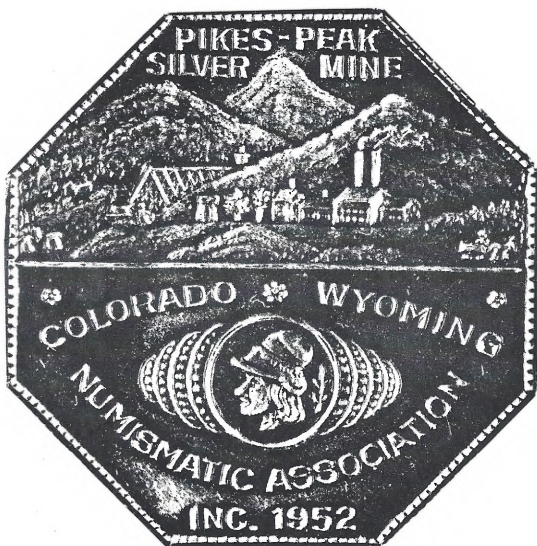
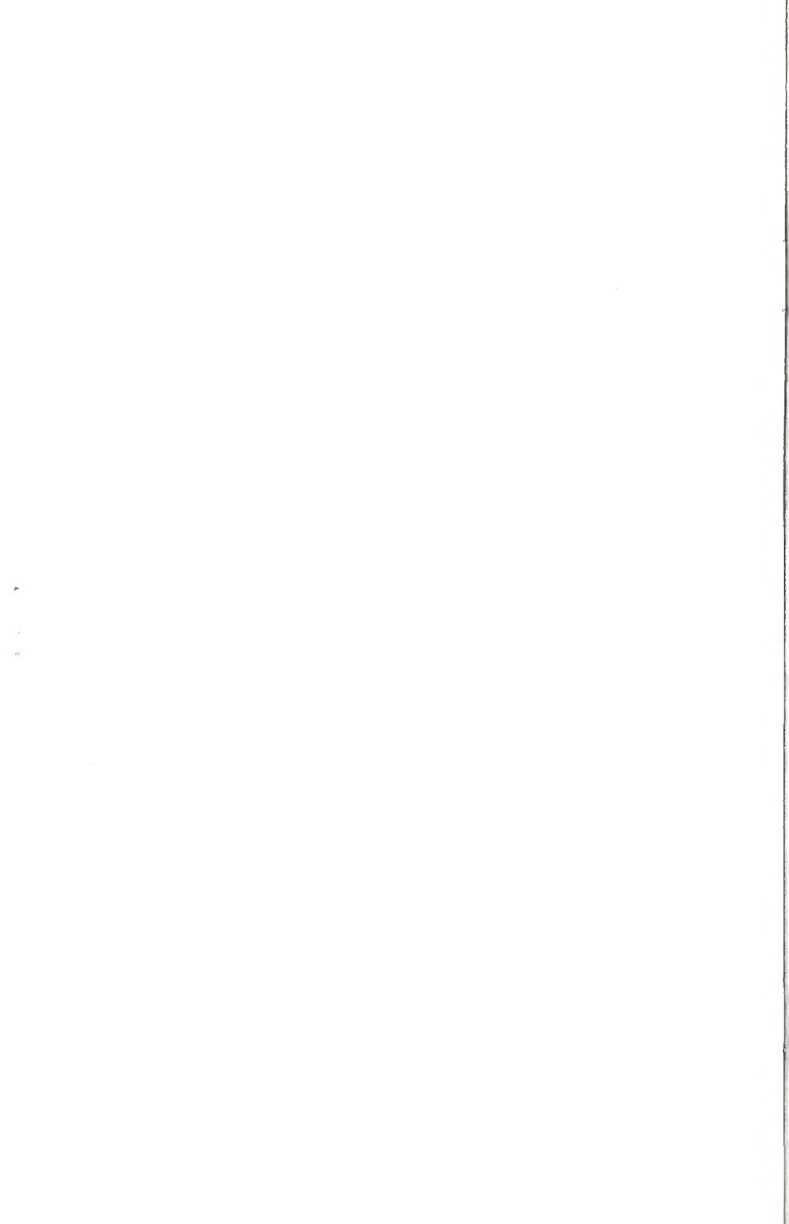


# CWNA newsletter





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## COIN SHOW MAY 24-26

### SPRING SHOW

According to Ed Young the preparations for the Spring CWNA Show are coming along very well. The show according to Ed will again be held at the Denver Hilton in downtown Denver. It will be a three day show extending over Memorial Day weekend May 24-26.

Some 50 dealers from through out the United States are expected at the show. Many first time exhibits are expected. Their will also be an Educational Forum for the Second Year in the row and some special tours through the Denver Mint have been arranged for friday May 24th.

This should be one of the best shows in the West in a long long time so everyone is invited. You can buy seel trade or just look around.

Those of you who are interested in additional information please write directly to Ed at P O Box: 533, Englewood, Colorado 80110.

### \*ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED\*

President L M Drake appointed three new directors to the CWNA Board at an October borado meeting in Denver. The new members are Mr. Wesley Zakovich of Cheyenne, Dr. A. H. Schoondermark of Fort Collins, and Mr. Geogre Van Trump of Golden. The three vacancies occured because of the election of one unfinished term member to a vice presidents position and the expansion of the Board to seven members.

### C W N A DUES

Please check to see if your dues are paid. They must be paid to remain in good standing and be an eligible voter. The CWNA Newsletter will not be sent unless you continue to be a paid up member. Dues are only \$2 per year and life membership is available for those interested. Remember it is your CWNA and you get out of it only what you put into it.

This publication of the Colorado - Wyoming Numismatic Association is mailed quarterly to all paid members. The CWNA Newsletter costs are borne by the advertising and membership fees in the CWNA. All news items are subject to condensation by the editor. Opinions expressed, however, are those of the authors and not those of CWNA or the editor. We welcome members articles as the benefits help us all.



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The American Numismatic Association Headquarters located at 818 N Cascade in Colorado Springs houses the world's largest circulating numismatic library. The books date back to the 14th century. Individual members and member clubs may use the vast facilities through the mail. CWNA is a member of ANA.

A complete catalogue of the library was recently completed. This additional service facilitates research and lets everyone know what books are available on a particular numismatic subject.

The ANA does welcome numismatic inquiries, however the librarian cannot undertake detailed research requiring an extensive amount of time. Correspondence should be addressed to Mrs. Geneva Karlson, shown in the picture below taken in the ANA library. Her address is : ANA Librarian, P O Box 2366, Colorado Springs Colorado 80901.



## MORE C.W.N.A. NEWS

CWNA Officers are continuing to work on the design of a new CWNA medal. The medal will consist of the present design symbolizing a Pikes Peak Silver Mine on one side. The other side will be the design shown in last quarters newsletter with maybe some slight modifications. All CWNA members are encouraged to submit their ideas, comments, etc to CWNA, P O Box 856, Ft. Collins, Co 80521.

## *The Fort Collins Coin Club*

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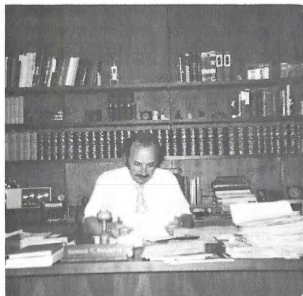
At a special called meeting for the Annual Spring Fort Collins Coin Show, President H R Holliday named the following committees.

Gen. Chairman - L M Drake  
Gen. Co-Chairman - Vernon Jaques  
Bourse Chairman - Buell Borden  
Exhibit Chairman - Walter Bohler  
Exhibit Co-Chairman - Richie Walsh  
Exhibit Co-Chairman - Stanley Crawford  
Auction Chairman - Max McDowell  
Auction Co-Chairman - Ken Otzenberger  
Auctioneer - Ray Giles  
Auction Clerks - Lawrence Bolt and L. Hellene Bohler  
Raffle Chairmen - Glen Hrdlicka and Chuck Kello  
Show Secretary - L Hellene Bohler.

The show will be held April 6&7th in the Loveland Community Building, 545 Cleveland Ave in Loveland. The doors will be open at 9:00 am Saturday and close at 6:00 pm on Sunday. For general information, program, auction lists, etc. write P O Box 2, Ft. Collins, Co. 80521.



The above picture shows Gordon Gerson, an active junior collector, receiving his ANA membership card from Mr. Ken Hallenbeck, ANA Board Member in charge of the youth program with Mr. Bill Henderson, ANA and Colorado Springs Numismatic Society Treasurer looking on.



Ed Rochette, ANA Executive Director is shown in the above picture at his desk in ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs. The ANA according to Ed has had two board meetings in Colorado Springs in the last three months. At he December meeting, the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society and Coin Club hosted the ANA at the Steakhouse.

### \*\*\* CLUB NEWS \*\*\*

FORT COLLINS COIN CLUB: Red Holliday of Loveland was elected the new club President while Vernon Jaques of Fort Collins was elected the new Vice President at a recent meeting.

COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY: Adna Wilde was elected President at the January meeting held at the Colorado Springs Police Station.

PUEBLO COIN CLUB: Gary Lewis gave a talk at the January meeting on the storage of coins.

ARKANSAS VALLEY COIN CLUB: Mr. Richard Muth was elected President for the coming year at one of their recent meetings.

COLORADO WYOMING YOUNG NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CWYNA): Mr. Glenn Gundlefinger of 18 Empson Drive, Longmont Co continues to seek the names of juniors who are interested in forming a coin club just for juniors.

COLORADO SPRINGS COIN CLUB: Mr. Richard Long, former curator of the ANA Museum, gave a talk to the 42 members present at the March 3rd meeting on Mexican Currency. A talk on the investing in coins is on the agenda for the March 20th meeting.

All CWNA Clubs are encouraged to furnish news items to the News--letter editor for publication.

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### ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**\*\* WANTED \*\***

CWNA is presently looking for an assistant editor for this quarterly publication to help out the present editor Gary Lewis. If, you are interested please contact him directly, his address is located elsewhere in this publication.

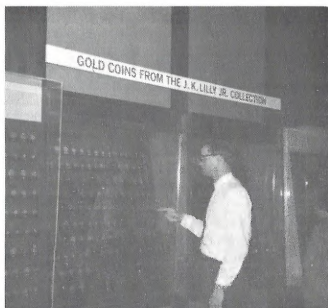
## THE TRIAL OF THE PYX

Members of the Annual Assay Commission are participants in a ritual which has persisted throughout the centuries. Its history dates back to the ancient Greeks when they took great pride in the weight and fineness of their coins. The Trial of the PYX, a Pyx being a box coins were put in, continues on to England and was established as a continuous and regular ceremony during the reign of Edward III.

The US Assay Commission was established in 1792 as a remedy for errors in the weight and alloy of the coins. The coins which are put in this pyx box were to be assayed by a jury of people which later on became known as the assay commission. This commission which is the longest continuous commission in the United States meets once a year. All members of the commission are appointed by the President.

This year Gary Lewis of Colorado Springs was one of the commission members while last year Mr. Walter Hollowell of Denver was a member.

One of the most interesting events according to Gary Lewis, was getting some first hand pointers from such experts as Frank Gasparro, Chief Designer of the Mint, shown in the photo.



Gary Lewis, CWNA Board Member, is shown in the above picture looking over some of the Gold Coins of the J K Lilly Jr. Collection which is on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D. C. Many other numismatic items are on public display.

## COIN SHOWS

APRIL 6-7 Fort Collins Coin Show at the Community Building in Loveland. Details: P O Bpx 2; Fort Collins 80521

APRIL 20-21 Pueblo Coin Show at the Chilton Inn, I 25 and Hwy 50. Details: P O Box 1582, Pueblo 81002

MAY 24-26 CWNA Spring Show at the Denver Hilton. Details: P O Box 533, Englewood, Colorado 80110



# MILITARY PAY CERTIFICATES

By Gary Lewis

Military Pay Certificates are special U. S. Government notes that have been issued in denominations ranging from 5¢ to \$20.00. There have been thirteen different series issued for the use of U. S. military and authorized civilian personnel overseas in certain controlled areas. MPC is no negotiable in the United States at any time.

An urgent need for some type of special currency arose immediately after World War II. As a result of various black market activities some military personnel were able to accumulate huge profits as they exchanged amounts into dollar credits far in excess of what they had been paid, some half a billion dollars.

It really became apparent that some type of currency control was vitally needed. This situation was reviewed and discussed in the First Session of the 80th Congress. Finally, after various proposals and recommendations, it was decided to adopt a system of issuance of Military Pay Currency. The first series (series 461) was issued on September 16th, 1946. At first the use of MPC was wide spread (up to 21 countries at one time) but now it is not used at all, the last series 651 being withdrawn from Korea on 20 Nov 1973.

When it is found that unauthorized use of MPC exists it becomes necessary to invalidate the current MPC, by calling in all authorized holders and issuing a new series. This conversion from the old to a new series takes place in a 24 hour period in which all military personnel are restricted to the base. No advance notice is given in order that the change-over would not leak out to unauthorized holders of the old series. After the deadline has passed the outgoing notes are no longer acceptable as legal tender.

All MPC are lithographed (surface printed) instead of being produced from engraved plates as is regular U.S. currency. The first seven series were produced by two private firms while the last six were by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. At first MPC was quite standardized in design and color. But from series 521, each denomination has its own color combination with the larger denominations having individual designs. The size of the notes vary from 110/55 mm for all 5¢ through 50¢ and 156/66 mm for \$10 and \$20. Not all series were issued with every denomination of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20. In fact the \$20 MPC was issued in only the 661, 681 and 692 series. There is no longer a need for such a type of currency control, but should a need come about, I am confident that MPC will return.



MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATE INVENTORY CHECK LIST

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This is a picture of an Athenian four drachma silver coin from the Fifth Century B.C. It shows the owl, symbol of wisdom, luck and victory, an olive spray signifying peace and prosperity, and between them a small, waning moon in memory of Athens' victory in the battle on Marathon.

**FALL SHOW**

The Fall CWNA Show along with the general membership meeting will be in Fort Collins.

# COINS

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# NATIONAL COIN WEEK



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## NATIONAL BANK NOTES

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The first issue of National Bank Notes is known as the "Original Series", which was followed by the series of 1875. The face design of the first charter \$10 note shown is the famous "Franklin and the Lightning scene". The year of the experiment "1752" is on the note in back of Franklin's right knee. The Eagle and Liberty at right symbolizes "American Grasping the Lightning".

The back design is "DeSoto discovering the Mississippi". The Bank is the Monument National Bank of Charlestown, Massachusetts. It is Donlon number A310.



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